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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC EXEMPTION FROM VAT

REF: LONDON 2309

1. DEPT. GREATLY APPRECIATES REPORT CONTAINED REFTTEL ON PROJECTED CHANGE IN EEC ATTITUDE ON EXEMPTION FROM VAT FOR OFFICIAL MISSION PURPOSES. THIS CHANGE IN ATTITUDE CERTAINLY HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON BOTH PENDING US/UK CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS AND DEPT. EFFORT, ALSO CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, TO SECURE PARITY OF CUSTOMS AND TAX PRIVILEGES FOR U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL ALL OVER THE WORLD.

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2. DEPT. AGREES WITH ASSESSMENT THAT DISTINCTION BETWEEN OFFICIAL AND INDIVIDUAL PURCHASES, VIS-A-VIS VAT, IS ILLUSORY AND FOR CONVENIENCE SAKE ONLY. ONCE THE DOOR IS CRACKED, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT ONE FOOT AT A TIME WILL BE ABLE TO SQUEEZE IN.

3. S/CPR WILL TRANSMIT SEPARATELY INFO REQUESTED PARA 3

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